

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 13, 2004
MAG Offices, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Don Herp, Phoenix, Chairman	*Horatio Skeet, Litchfield Park
Andrew Smith, ADOT	Daryl Racz for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
Carnell Thurman for Mike Smith, Avondale	Kevin Wallace, Mesa
Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Andrew Cooper, Paradise Valley
*Dan Cook, Chandler	Burton Charron, Peoria
*David Evertsen, Gila Bend	Elaine Cabrera for Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-
Michael Vinson, Gila River Indian Community	Maricopa Indian Community
*Bruce Ward, Gilbert	Robert Brown, Scottsdale
Dan Sherwood, Glendale	Randall Overmyer for Robert Maki, Surprise
Don French for Charles Hydeman,	Larry Shobe, Tempe
Goodyear	*Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jim Ricker, Guadalupe	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Danowitz	David Meinhart, Scottsdale
Randy Allenstein, ADOT	Stephen Tate, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Herp at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the December 9, 2003, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

The Chairman took the opportunity to introduce Elaine Cabrera from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and Carnell Thurman from the City of Avondale.

There were no requests to speak to the Committee during this part of the agenda.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Agenda items #6 and #7 were covered in this agenda item.

Stephen Tate began his presentation by reminding members that applications for MAG federal funding are due to MAG on Friday February 6, 2004. He noted that the draft TIP Guidance Report targeted project selection for the March to April period and a recommendation by the Transportation

Review Committee of a draft MAG federally funded program for conformity analysis by April 22, 2004. He added that, at the next Street Committee meeting, he anticipated that a TIP data entry system would be distributed to members to allow them enter and update locally funded projects for inclusion in the TIP. Submission of new and updated locally funded projects by member agencies is scheduled for May 14, 2004.

Mr. Tate then reported on efforts to address programming issues concerning regional arterial projects identified in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He noted that next Tuesday or Thursday, a working group of the TRC was expected to meet to begin the development of a policy framework for programming regional arterial projects. He added that, until a basic policy framework had been developed, work on technical issues would be rather limited.

The development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was also discussed by Mr. Tate. He noted that the UPWP was essentially MAG's operating budget and that it contained a list of studies and other work that MAG planned to carry out in the coming year. He added that the only UPWP item that may be of interest to members in the draft UPWP is a project to improve traffic counting on freeways.

Finally, Mr. Tate noted that MAG is in the process of developing estimates of local street mileage based on MAG geographical information system coverages. He noted that he had developed maps showing these coverages for several agencies and asked that members see him after the meeting to pick up the maps.

The Chairman noted that a special meeting of Street Committee may be needed in February to prioritize street projects for MAG federal funding. He then went over again the TIP programming schedule to ensure that all members were clear about the schedule.

5. MAG Federally Funded Locally Sponsored Projects Development Status

Stephen Tate began by distributing a report on the status of FY 2004 and FY 2005 MAG Federally funded projects. He requested that members review the status report and provide him with updates after the meeting.

He then distributed a schedule of key deadlines for developing federally funded projects programmed for FY 2004. He noted that requests to defer FY 2004 projects were due **by March 1, 2004**; that requests to accelerate projects would be considered **starting in April 2004**; that the last opportunity to reprogram projects would be at the Regional Council meeting **on July 28, 2004**; and that 95 percent plans and all final documents necessary to obtain environmental, right-of-way and utilities clearances should have been submitted to ADOT **by August 2, 2004**. He concluded by noting that the Federal Highway Administration normally would not consider applications to obligate projects after the second week in September as the agency needed time to close out the federal fiscal year.

6. Development of the MAG Unified Planning Work Program

This agenda item was discussed as part of agenda item #4.

7. Regional Transportation Plan: Arterial Street Projects and Programming

This agenda item was discussed as part of agenda item #4.

8. Federal Functional Classification

Mr. Tate distributed a table and a set of maps on federal functional classifications. Reviewing the table he noted that within federal guidelines that additional mileage could be added to roadways that are eligible to receive Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding and that the federally functional classification network was not keeping pace with statewide population growth. Turning to the maps, he noted that this lack of growth could be observed on the urban fringe.

He went on to suggest to that member agencies should consider classification of many outlying roadways to at least either urban collector or rural major collector as this would allow agencies to use STP funds to improve these facilities. He added that the RTP included approximately \$500 million in STP over the life of the RTP for arterial street projects.

Mr. Tate also noted that increasing the number of miles of roadways functionally classified as urban to a federal-aid eligible status (e.g. at or above urban collector or rural major collector) could possibly increase MAG STP funding through a change in the distribution of funding among federal aid categories received by Arizona.

9. Scottsdale Reprogramming

Mr. Robert Brown briefly discussed the Scottsdale reprogramming request. He noted that the City was the sponsor of a project programmed for FY 2005 with \$1,600,000 in CMAQ funds to construct left turn lanes at the Hayden Road at Thomas Road (SCT04-120). He requested to shift the \$1,600,000 in CMAQ funds programmed for the Hayden Road at Thomas Road project to a similar FY 2005 intersection reconstruction project at Hayden Road at Via de Ventura (SCT04-113). He added that the City of Scottsdale local funding commitment would meet federal matching requirements.

Mr. Kevin Wallace moved and Mr. Burton Charron seconded a motion to recommend to the Transportation Review Committee the reprogramming of the two projects as requested by the City of Scottsdale.

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Tempe Reprogramming

Mr. Larry Shobe discussed the Tempe reprogramming request. He indicated that the City of Tempe was requesting the transfer of \$450,000 in CMAQ funds from the FY 2004 Tempe project the dirt road paving project at Perry Lane (TMP03-101) to a CMAQ funded pedestrian project at Mill Avenue from Broadway Road to Southern Avenue (TMP06-253).

Mr. Robert Brown moved and Mr. Carroll Reynolds seconded a motion to recommend to the Transportation Review Committee the reprogramming of the two projects as requested by the City of Tempe.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.